

Please amend the Application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace line 1 on page 1 of the specification (i.e., the line reciting "BACKGROUND") with the following.

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED PATENT APPLICATION

The present patent application claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 (a)-(d) of German Patent Application No. 100 58 116.1 , filed November 22, 2000.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION--

Please insert the following between lines 5 and 6 on page 1 of the specification.

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Please amend line 6 on page 3 of the specification as follows.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please amend line 1 on page 4 of the specification as follows.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION